

Using NHSN Analysis for Prevention Getting Started



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Review of NHSN Analysis Basics Objectives

By the end of this session, participants will be able to:

- Understand the basic features of the NHSN Analysis Function
- Demonstrate how and when to generate a data set
- Explore standard NHSN-prepared reports using the output "run" function
- Explore how the output "modify" function can be used to personalize reports



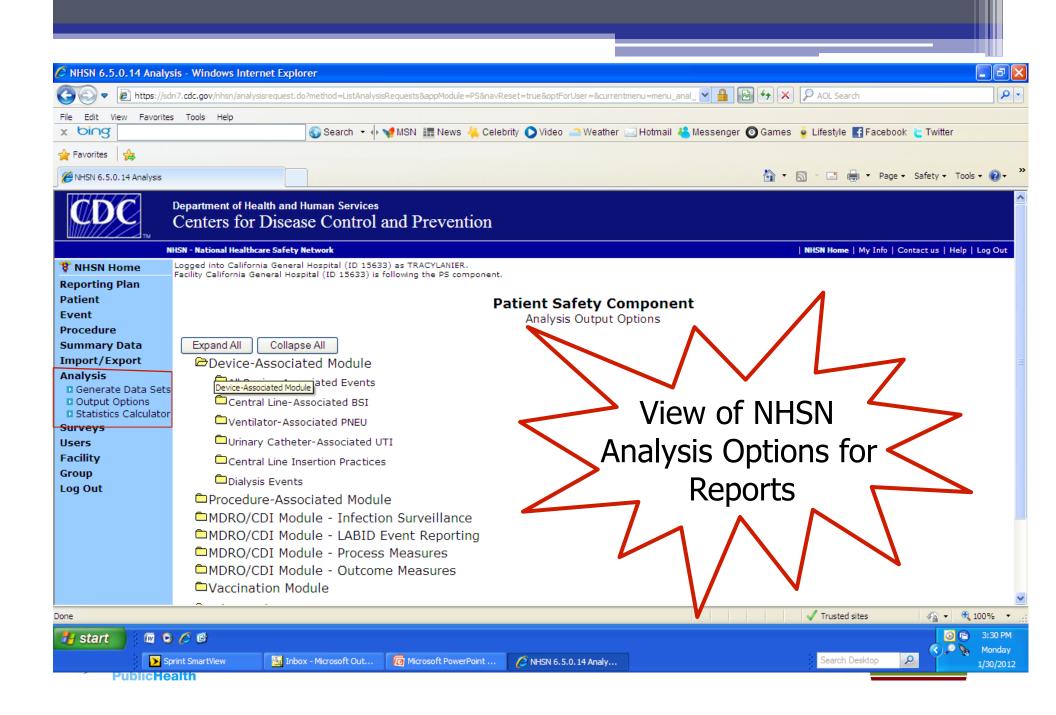


Understanding the Basic Features of the NHSN Analysis Function

- Analysis features provide NHSN users an opportunity to utilize the data they entered into NHSN
- Facility data in NHSN can be correlated and analyzed using the output options
- Analysis section is organized by modules (i.e. Device-Associated, Procedure-Associated, MDRO/CDI, etc.);
 each has standard CDC reports for quick, convenient analysis of data







Understanding the Basic Features of the NHSN Analysis Reports

Reports may be:

- Modified for individual user preferences
- Created and saved for future use
- Exported to other programs (i.e. Excel, Access)
- Published for use by all users in a facility/system
- Saved in "stacks" (a series of different reports saved together as a package to be displayed/printed in a specific order for future use)



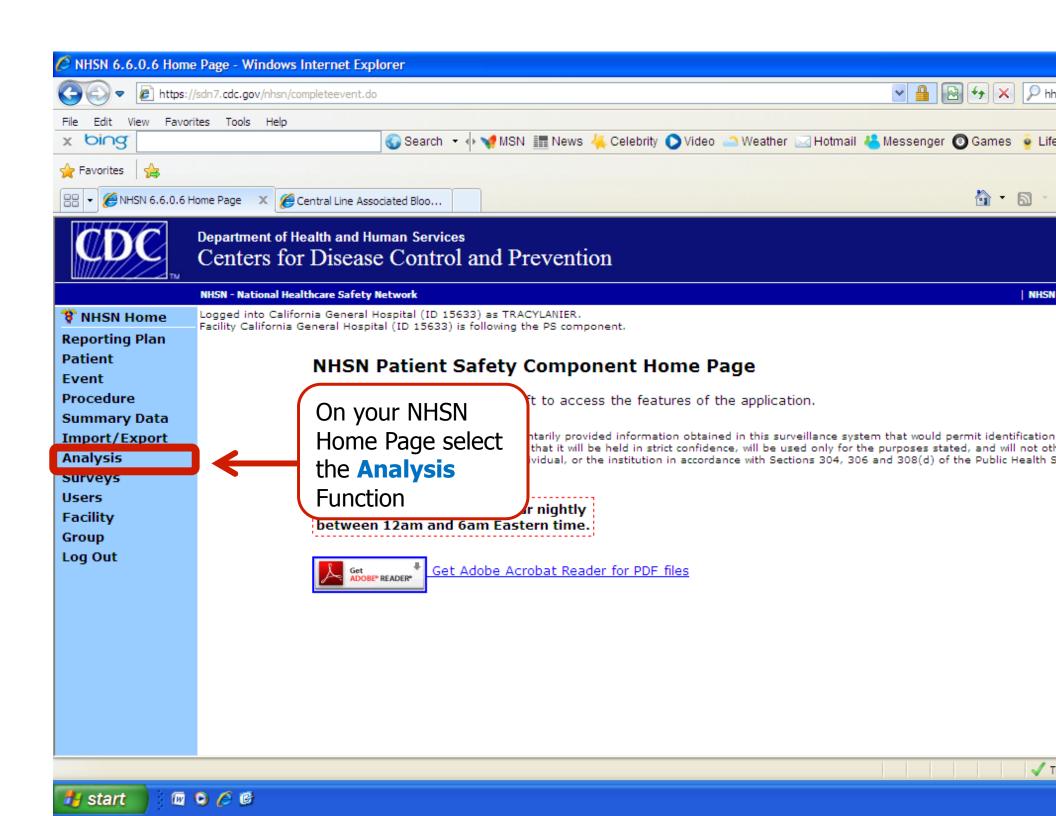


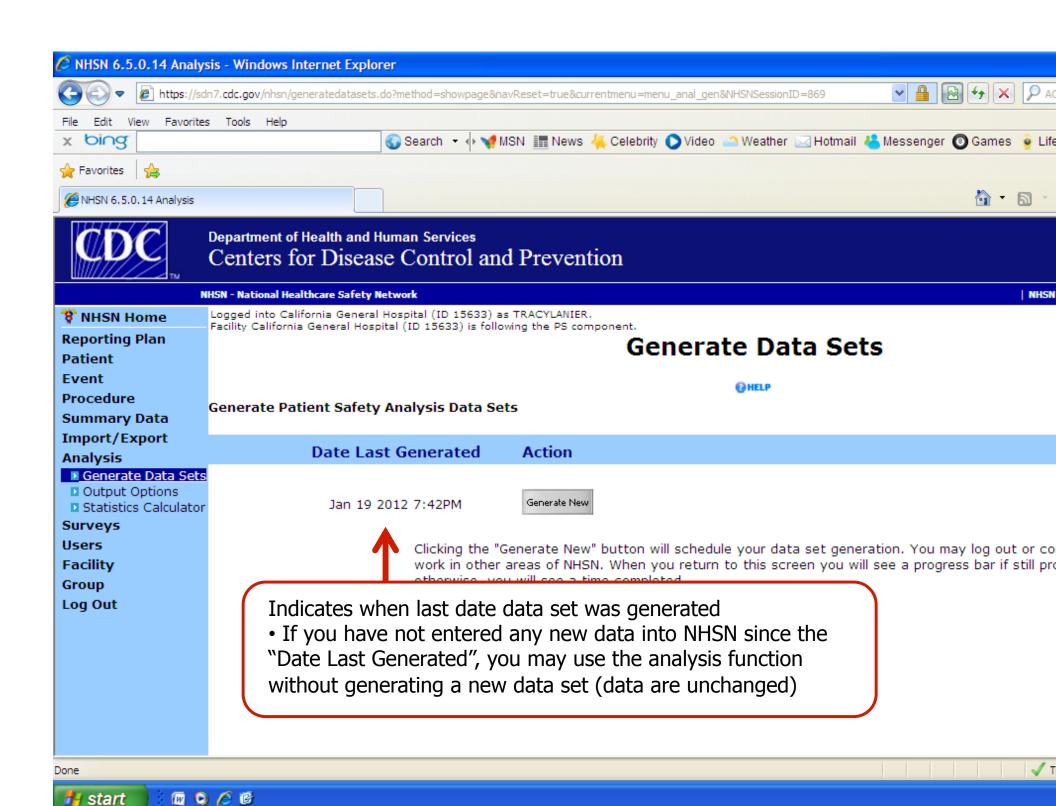
Where to Start...?

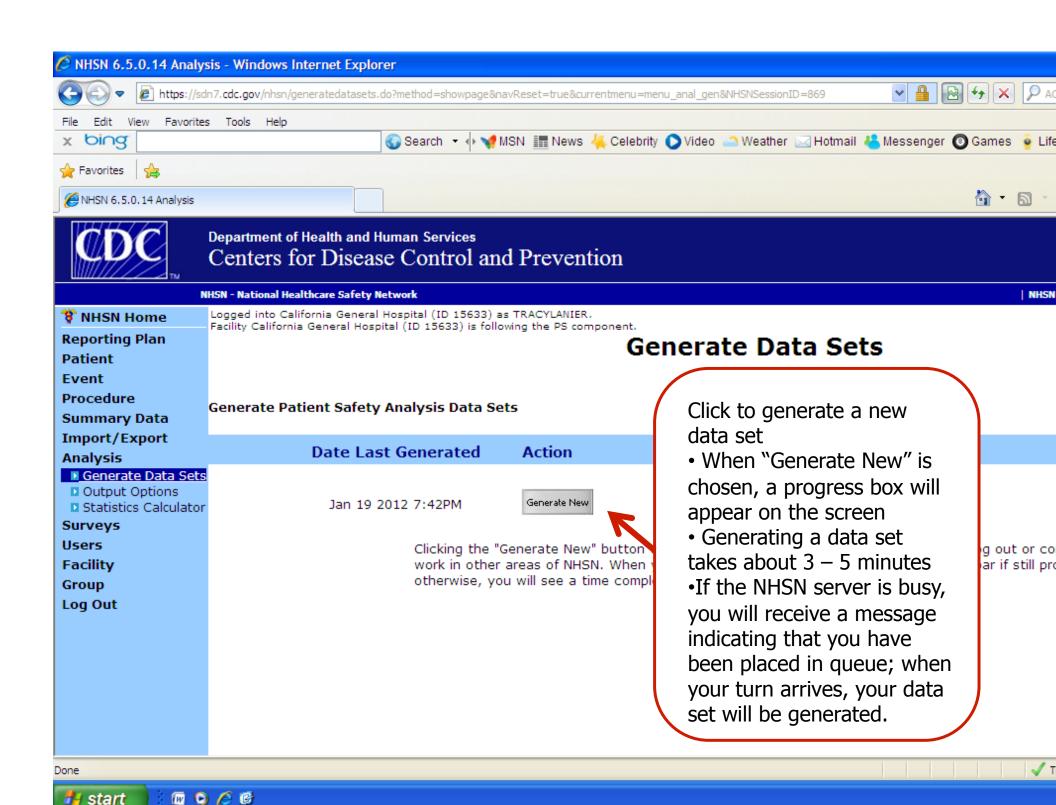
Generating a Data Set

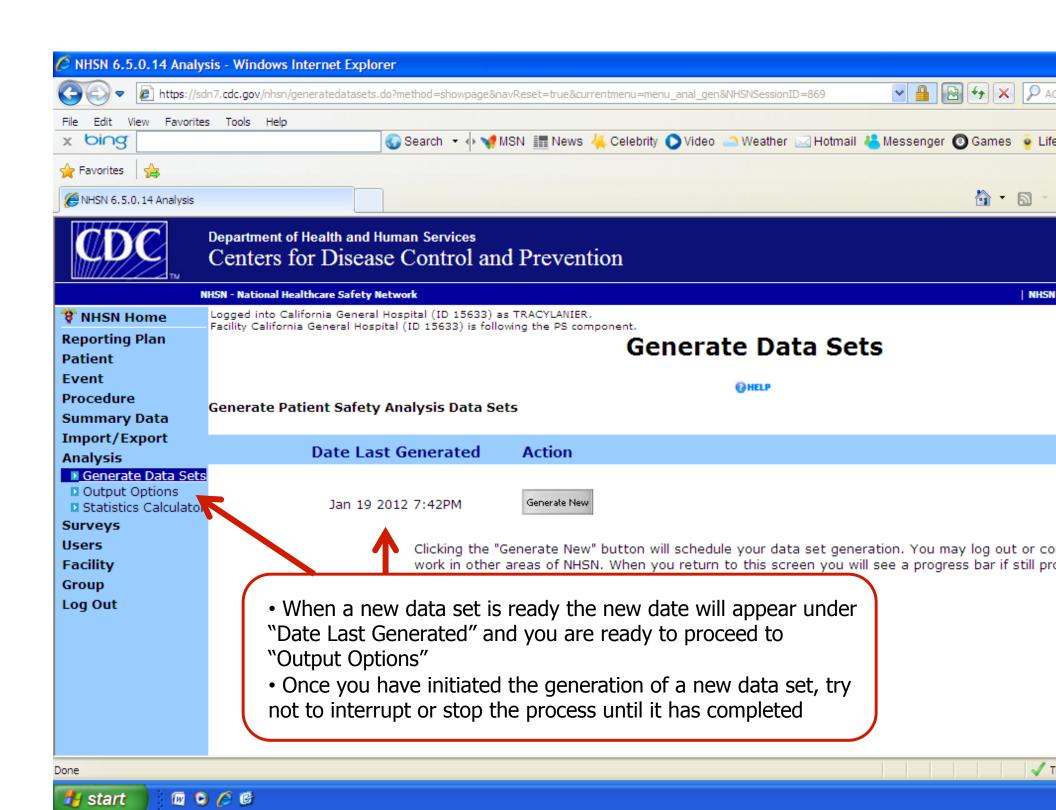
- Generating a new data set creates a virtual "photocopy" of your NHSN data which is stored on the CDC database
- Each time new data are added, and you want to view or print information about the data, you should generate a new data set
- Changes made to the data set do not affect the NHSN data base
- Do not be afraid to use the analysis tools you will not alter your NHSN information in the database with these tools!









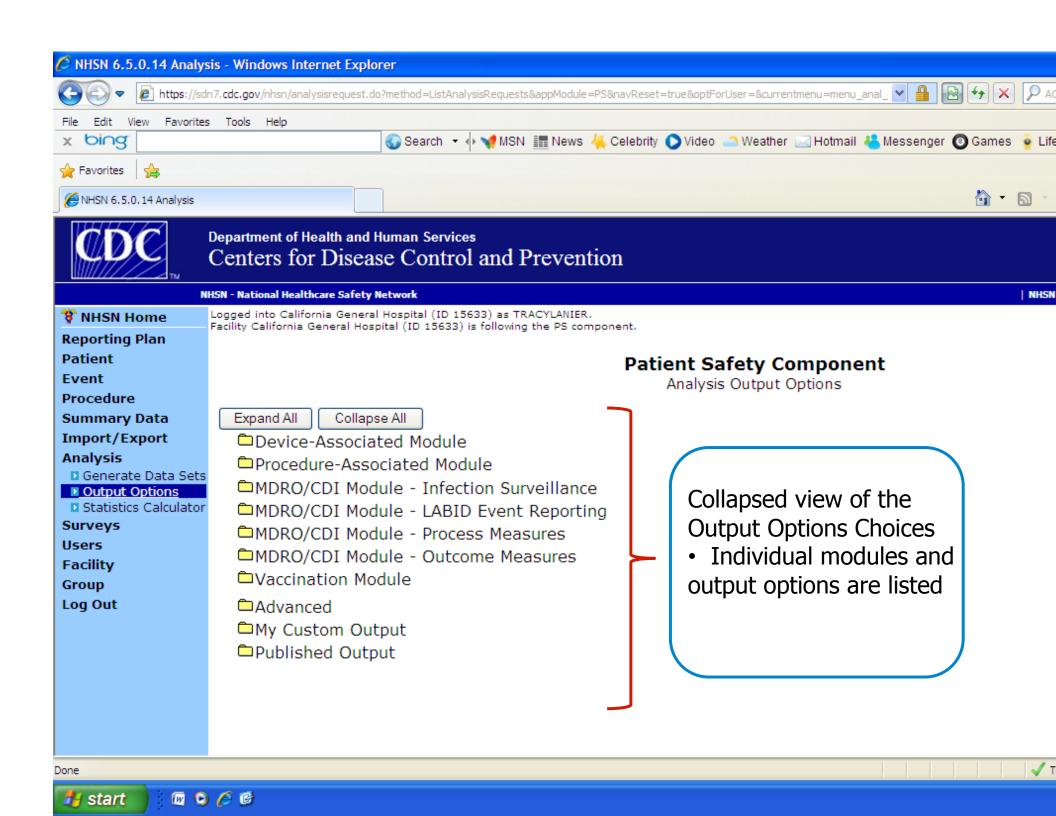


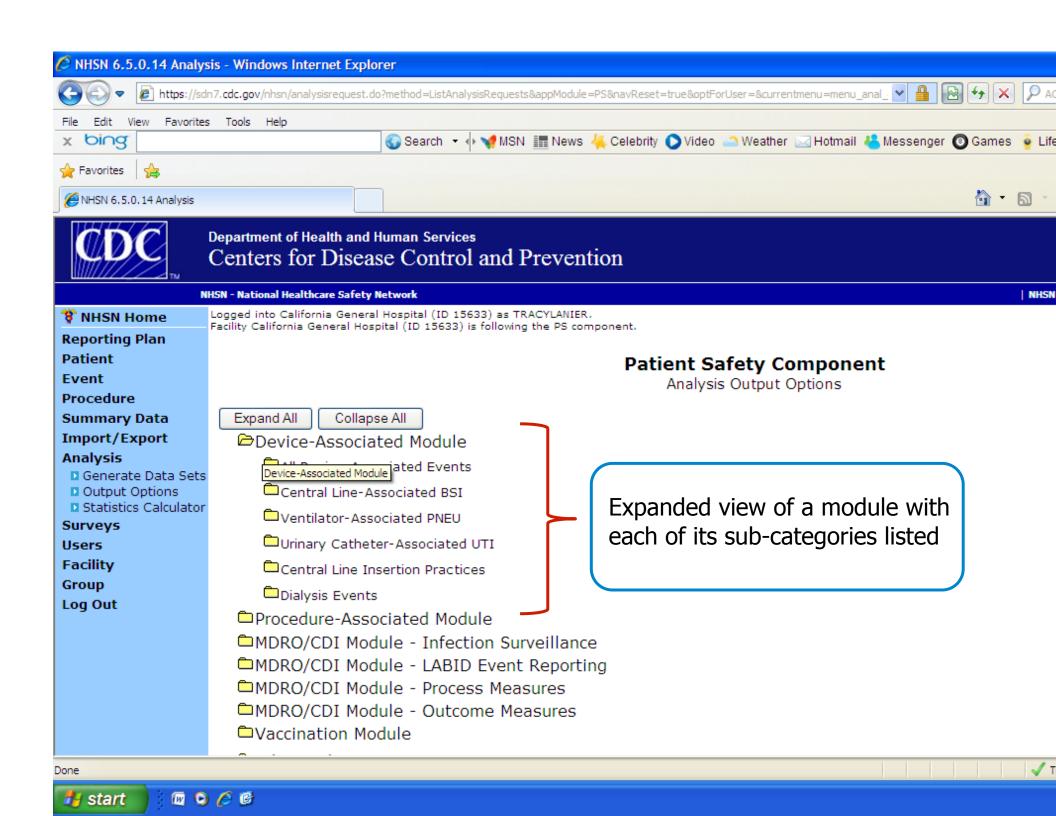
"I've Generated a Data Set – Now What?"

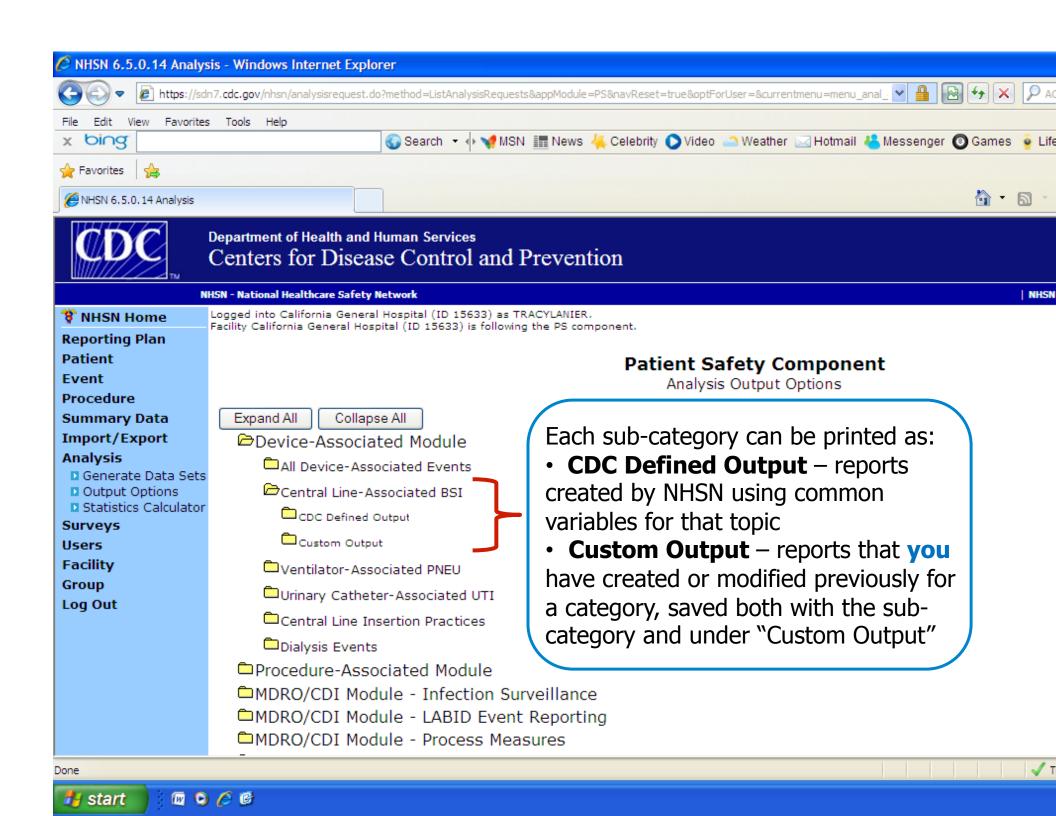
A user can generate several types of output including line listings, frequency tables, pie charts, bar charts, rate tables, line plots and control charts using the Output Options

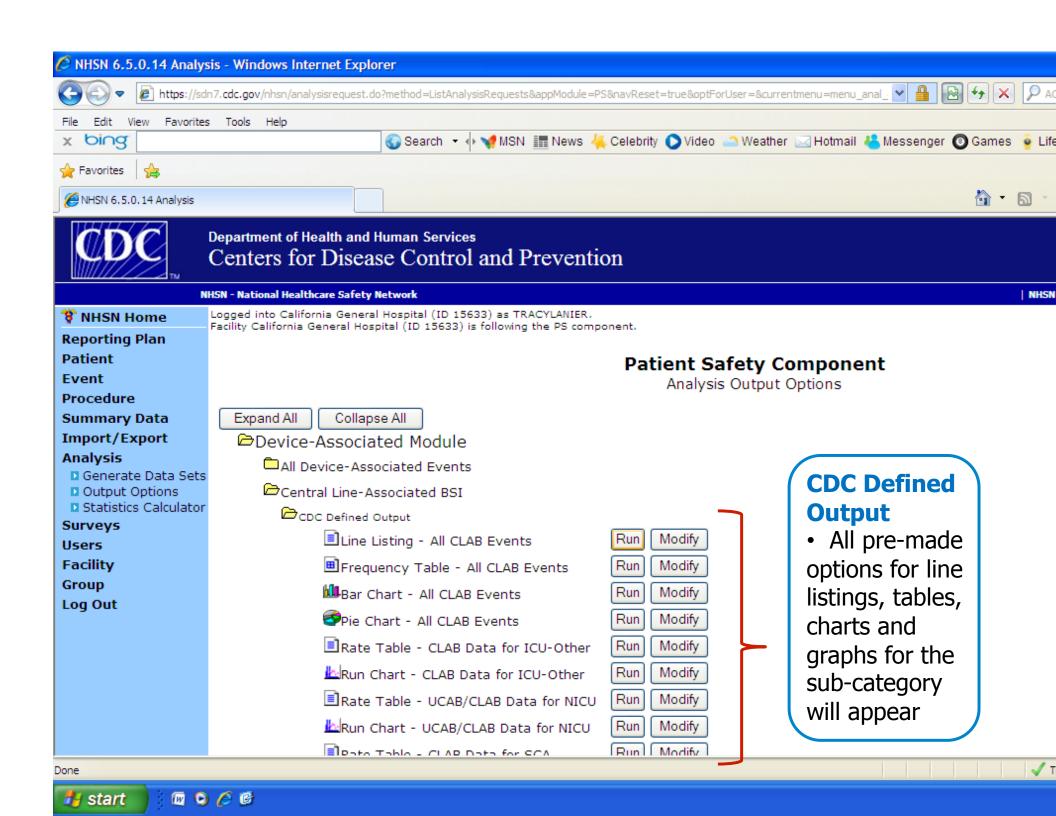
 When an output option is executed, the output will display in a separate browser window that can be printed or saved as a file on a local computer workstation

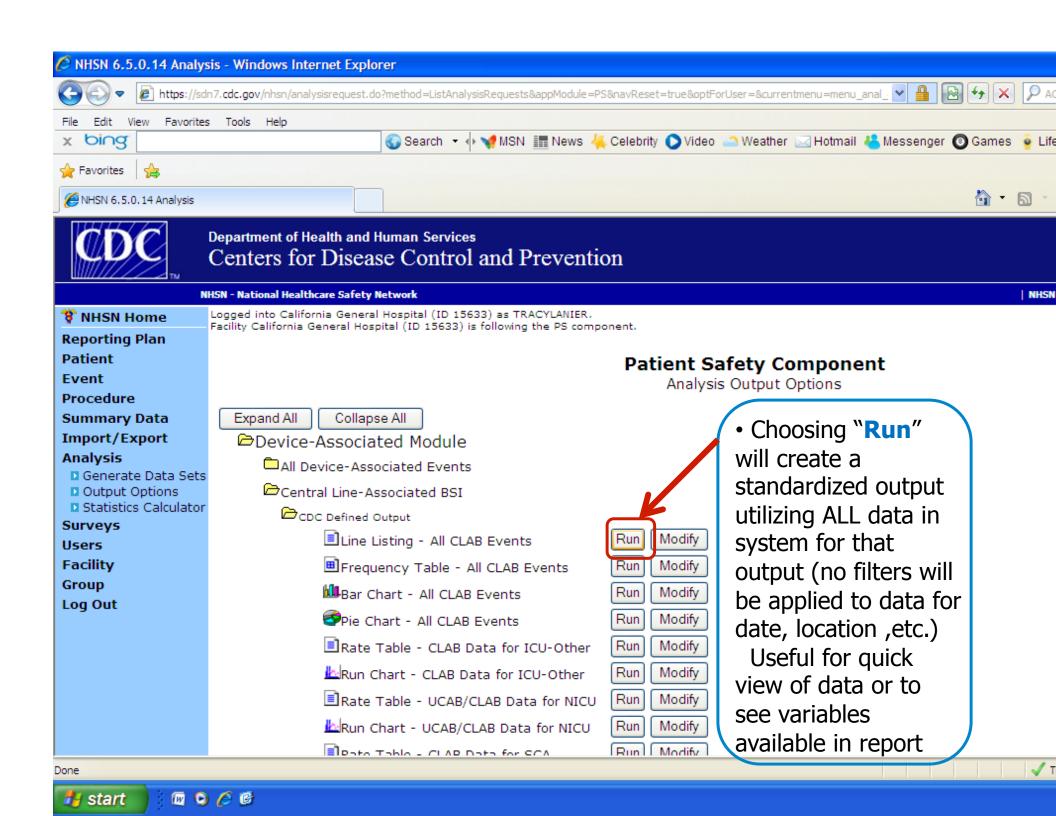
To use the Analysis functions, you must enable pop-ups from NHSN on your computer!

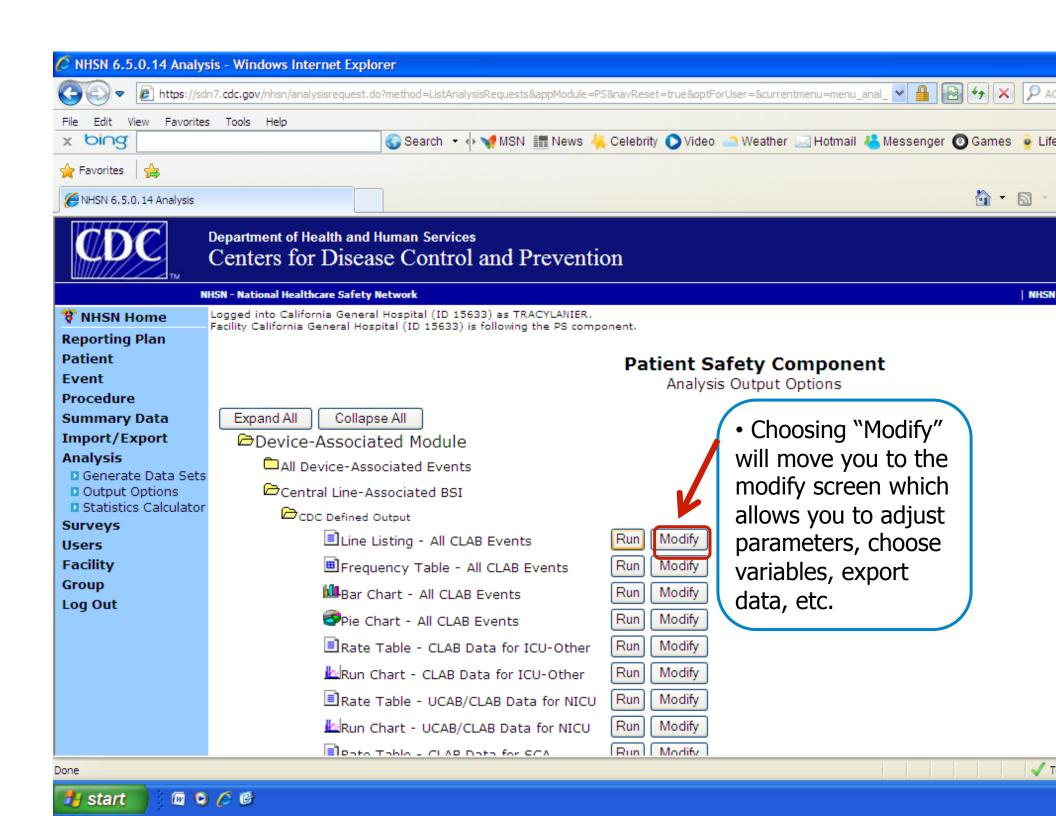












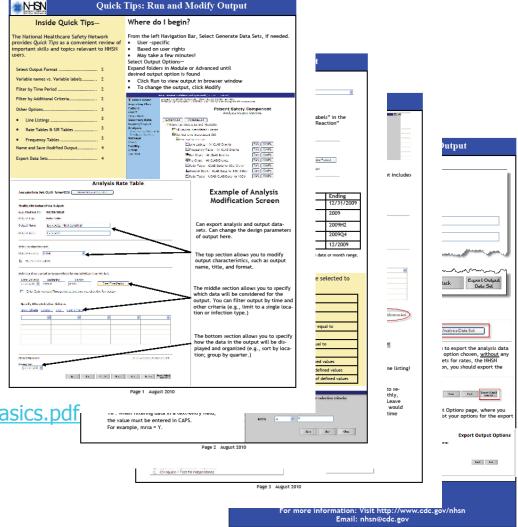
NHSN Quick Tips Document

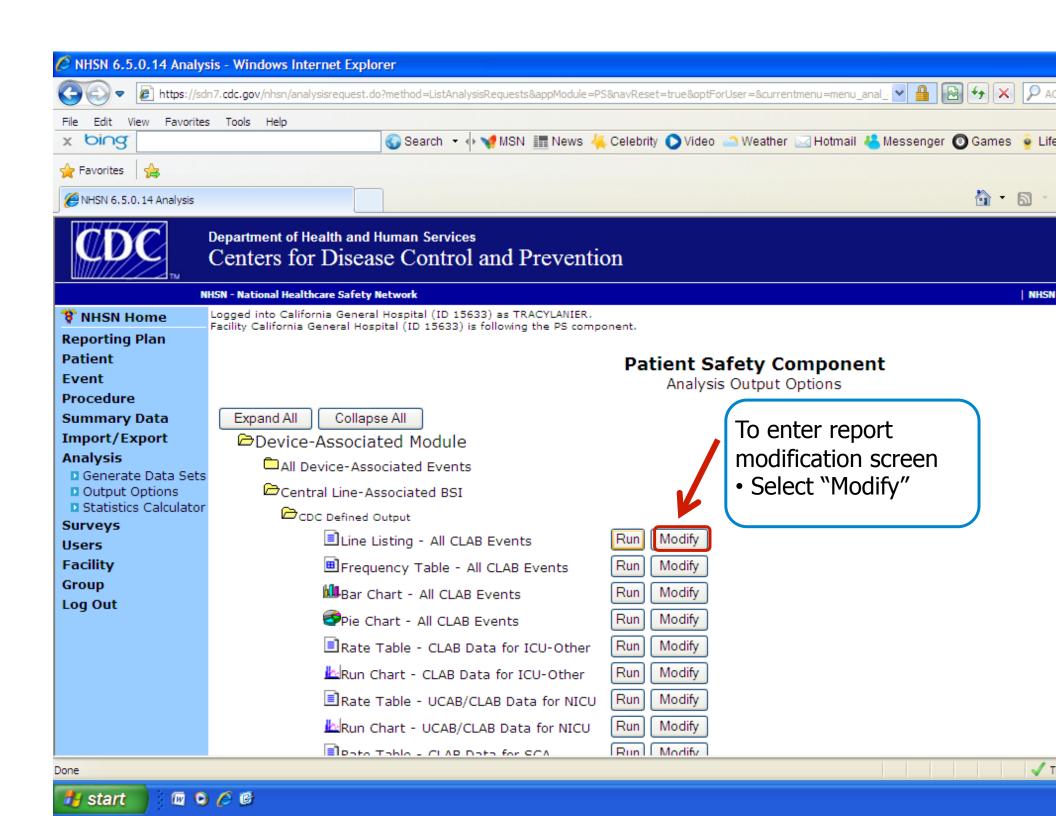
NHSN has a great summary document that describes all of the features in the "Modify" function

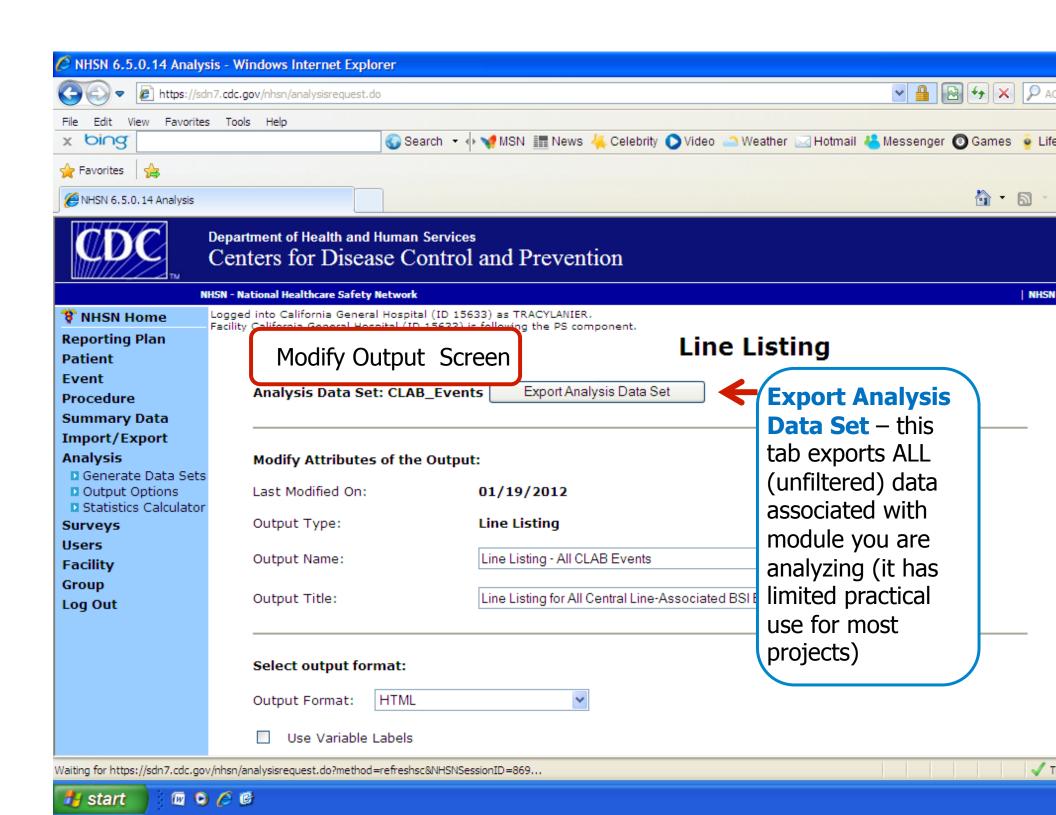
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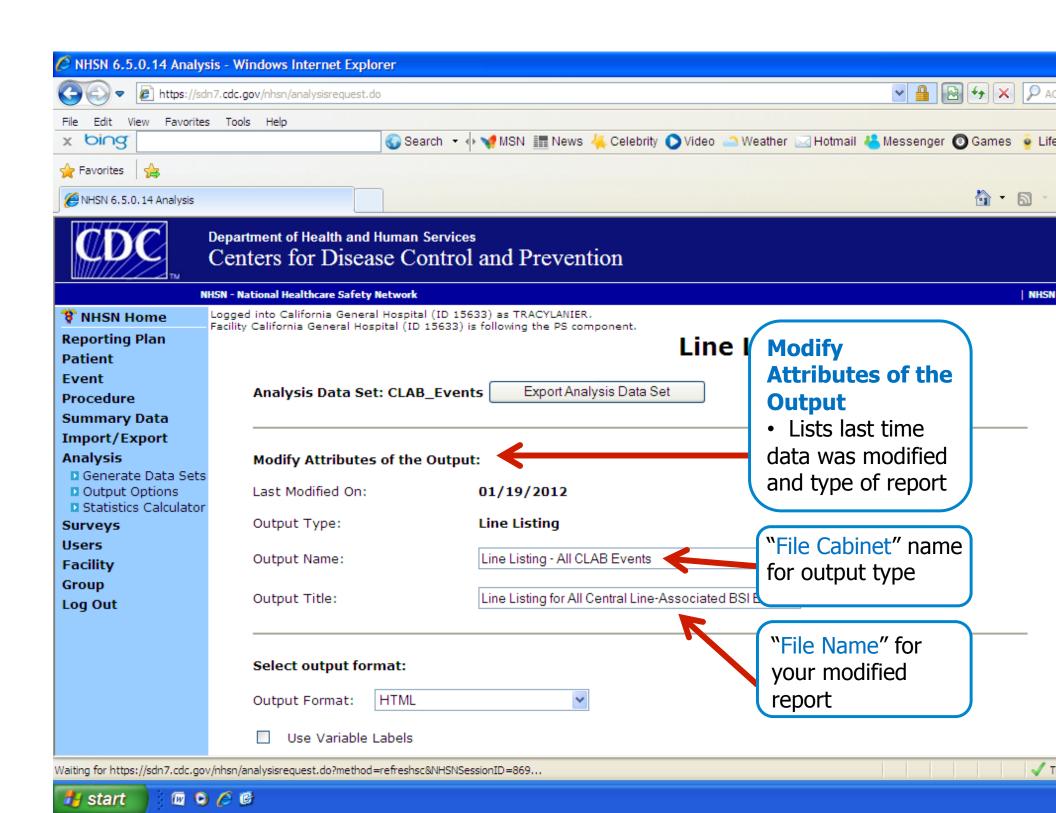
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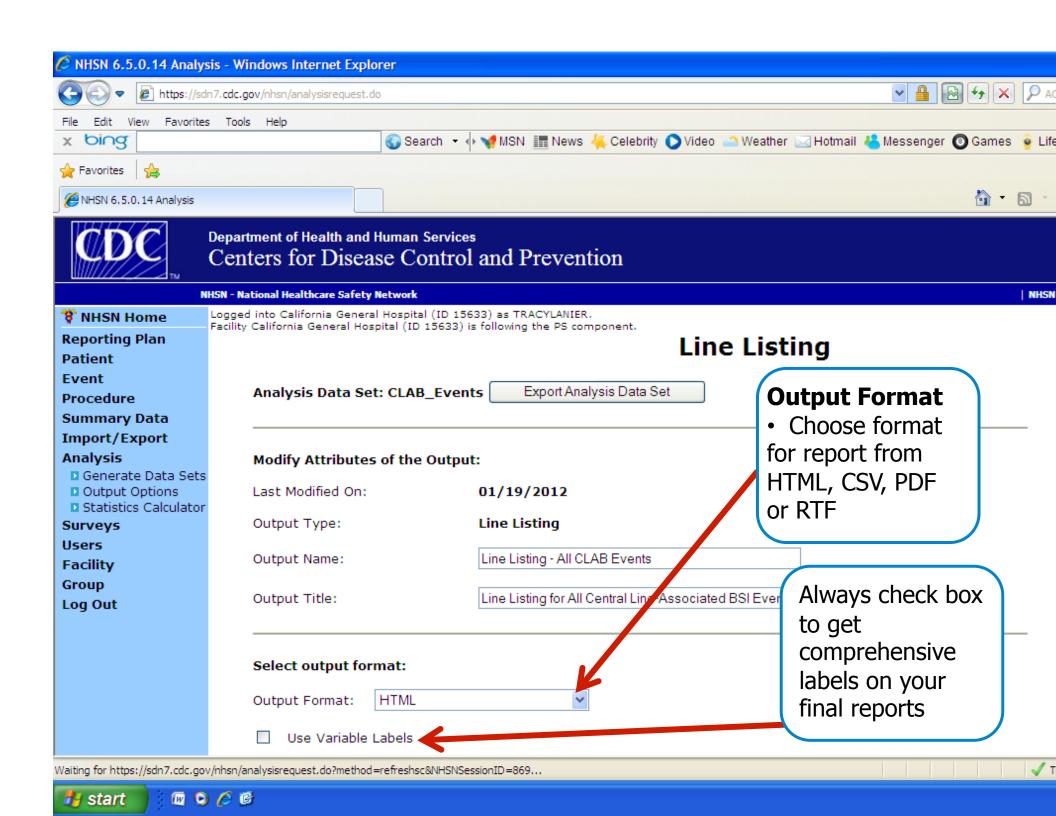
http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/PDFs/AnalysisBasics.pdf











Output Formats

PDF – "snap shot" of your data; easiest reports to interpret

Data cannot be easily modified once in this format

HTML – Web page based document language¹

Default for all report unless changed; good graphical display of data

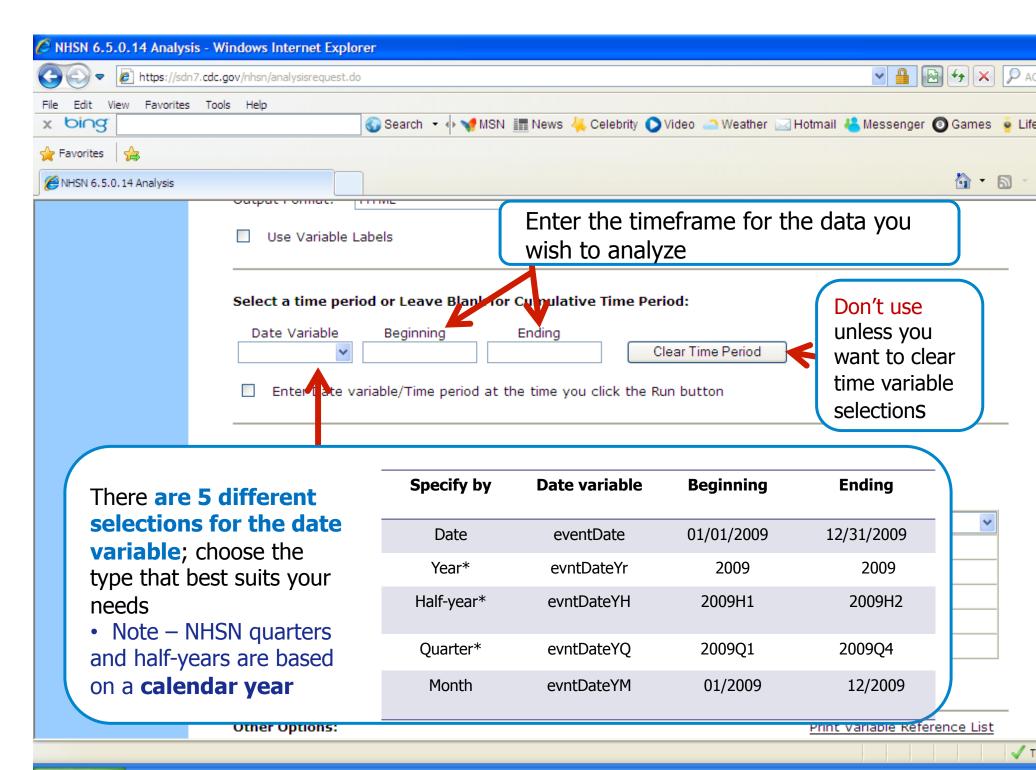
CSV – Comma separated value file

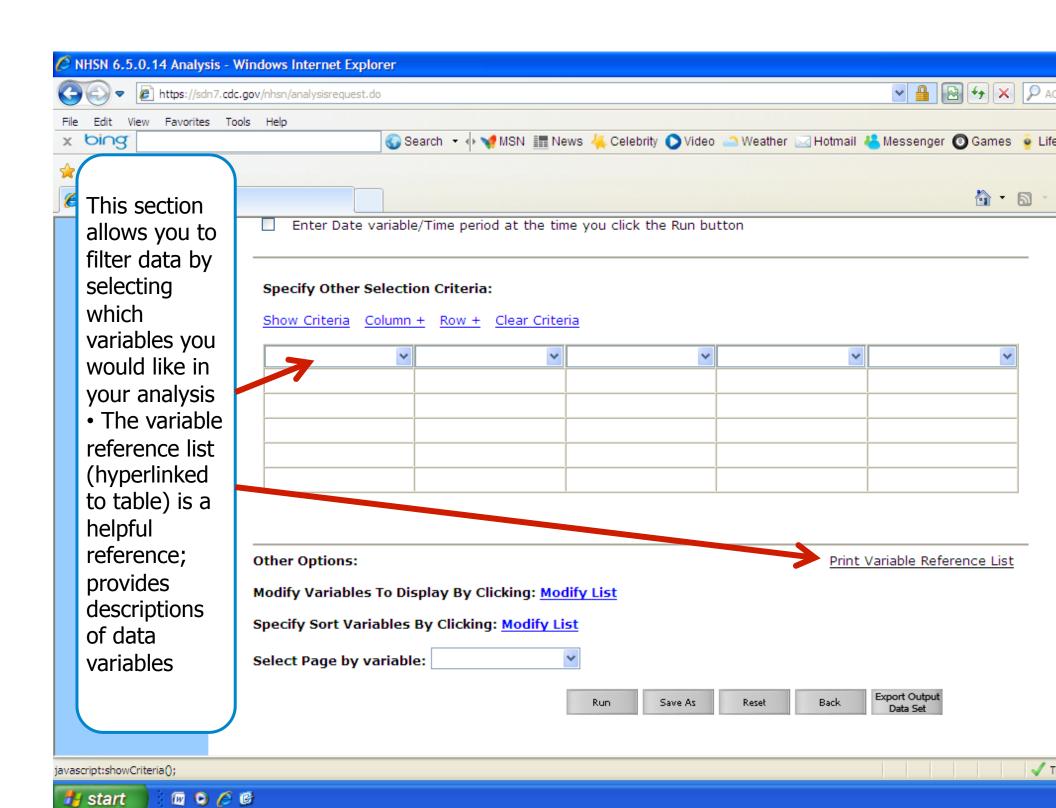
- Used when you want to export data reports from NHSN to spreadsheets (i.e. Excel)
- Exported files can be modified/manipulated within the receiving program

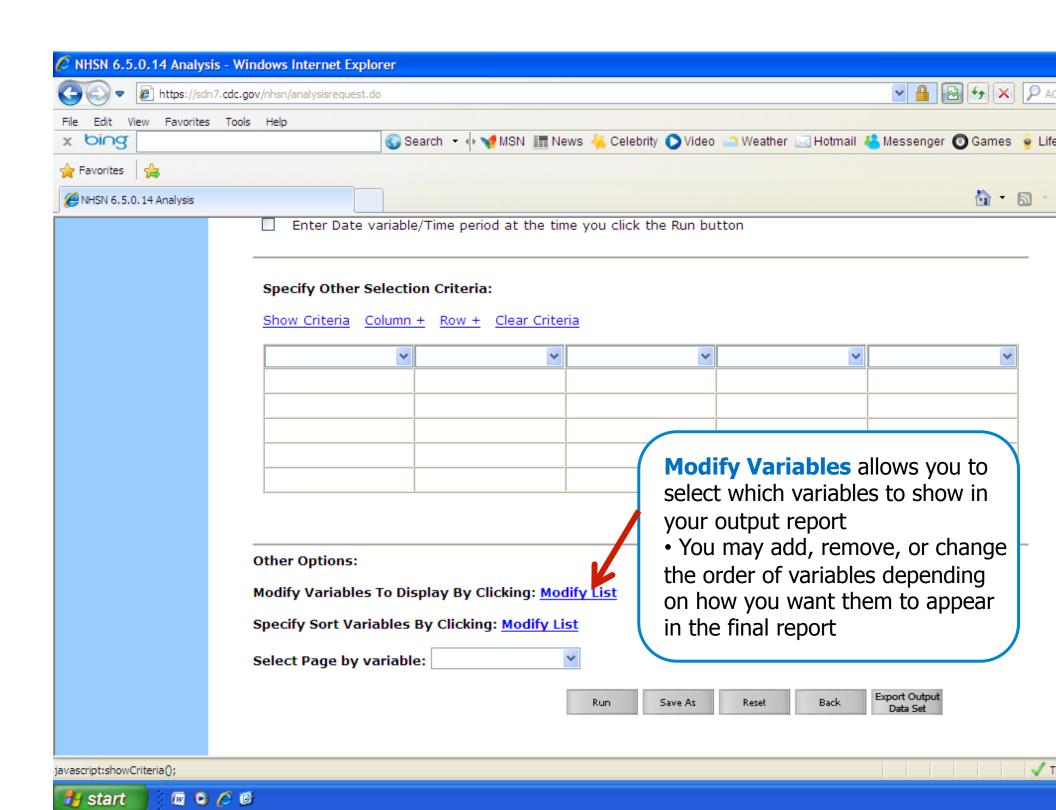
RTF – Rich Text Format

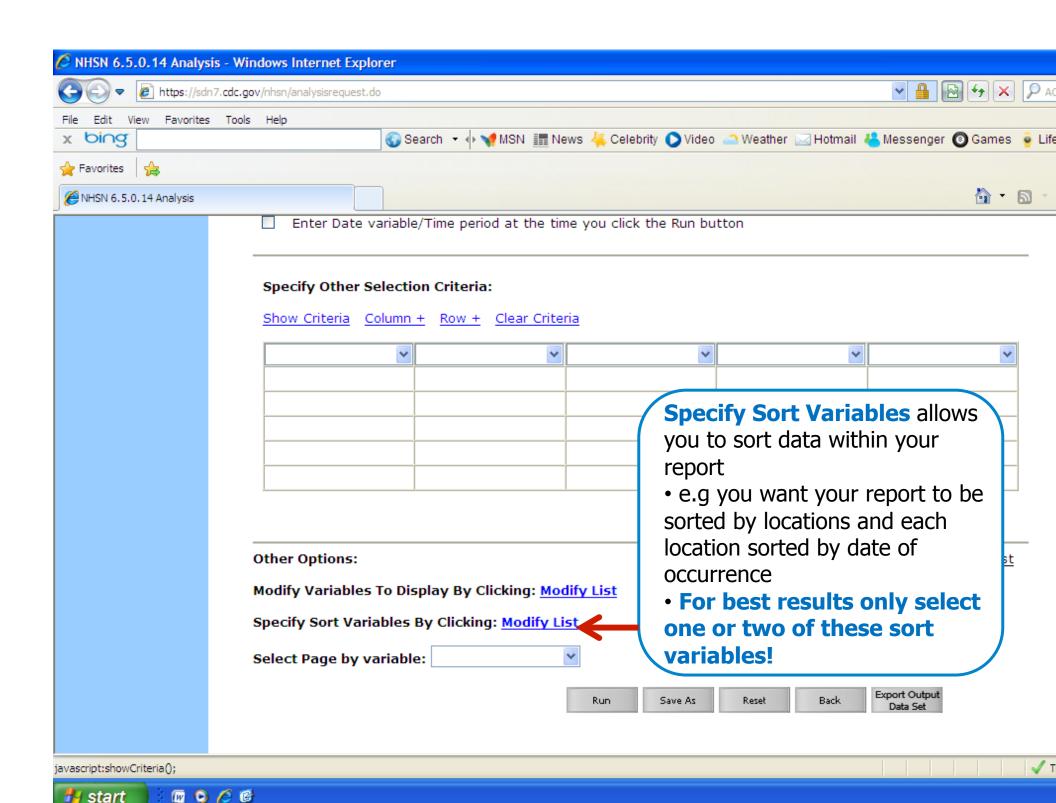
 Document file format developed by Microsoft for cross-platform document interchange¹

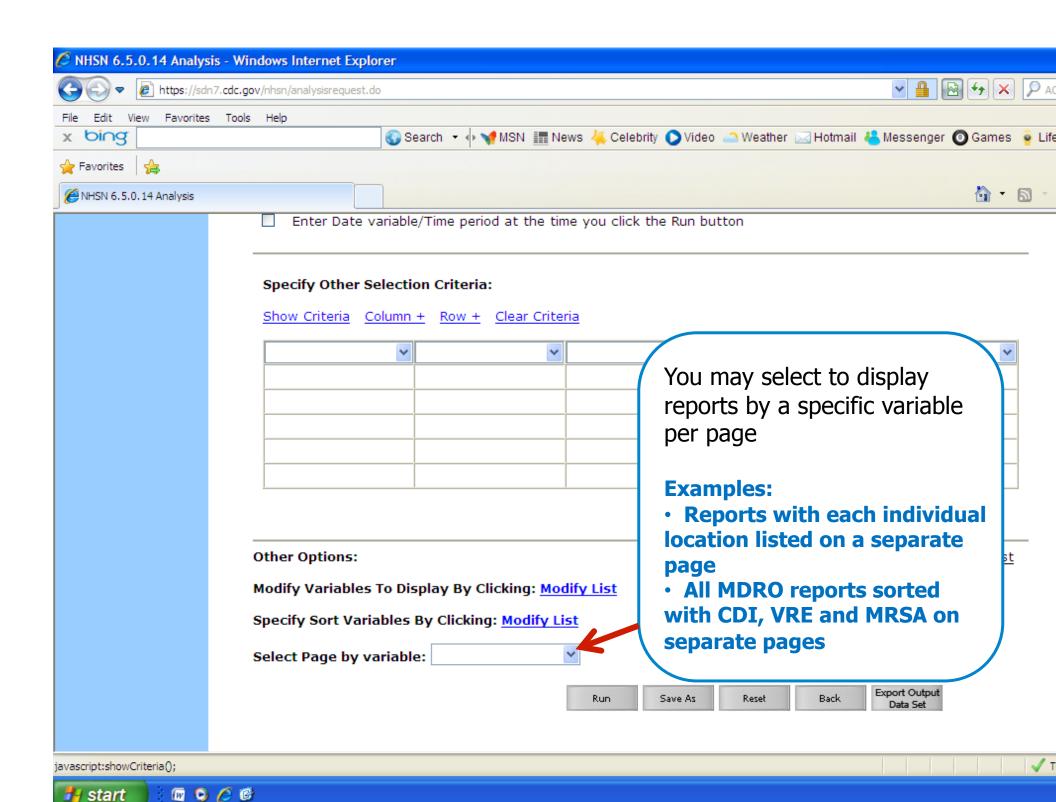


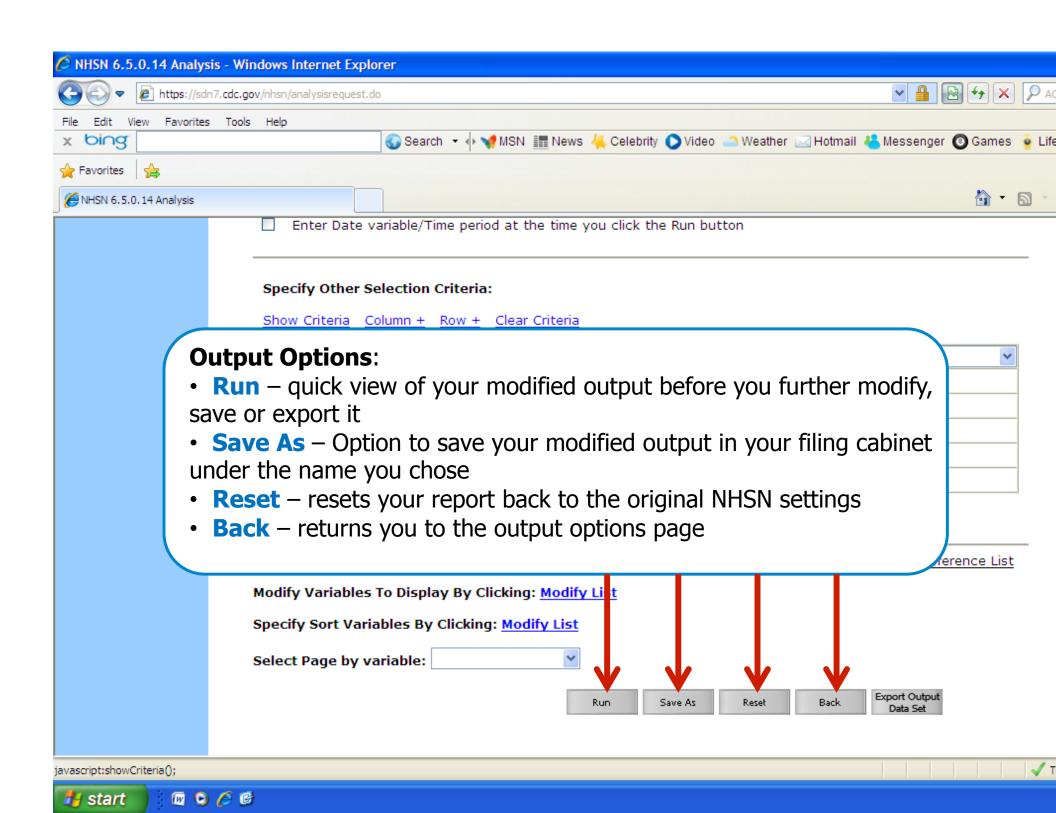


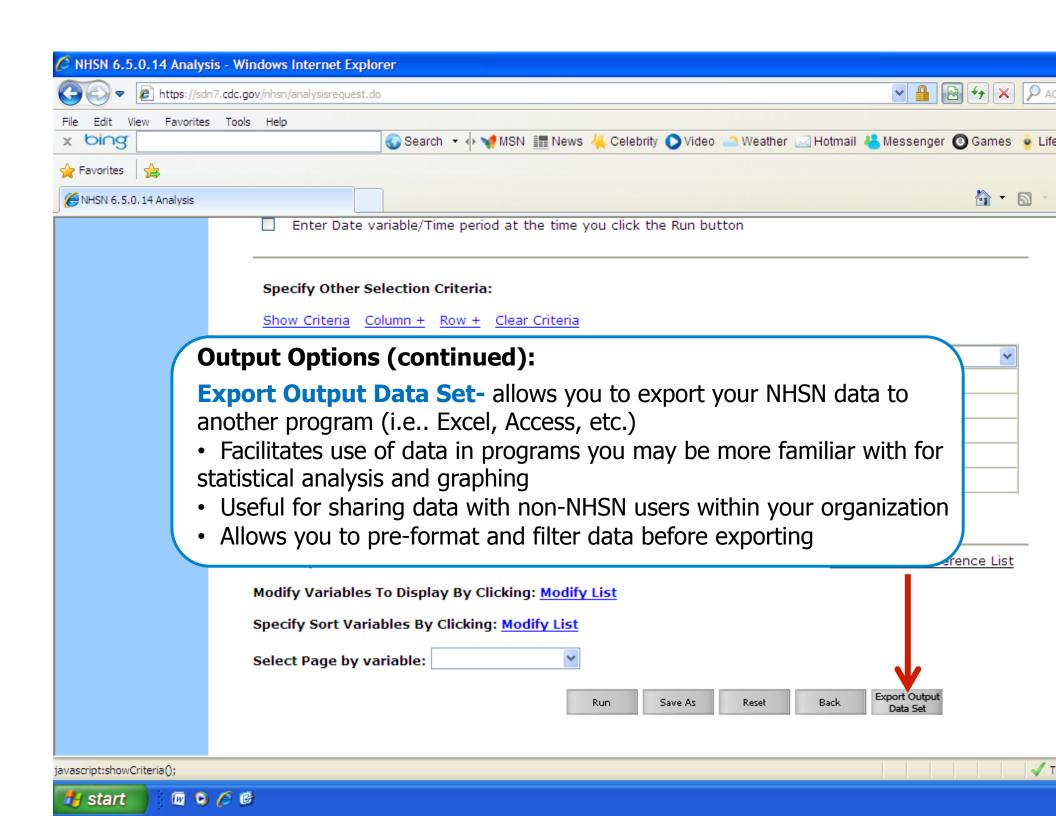


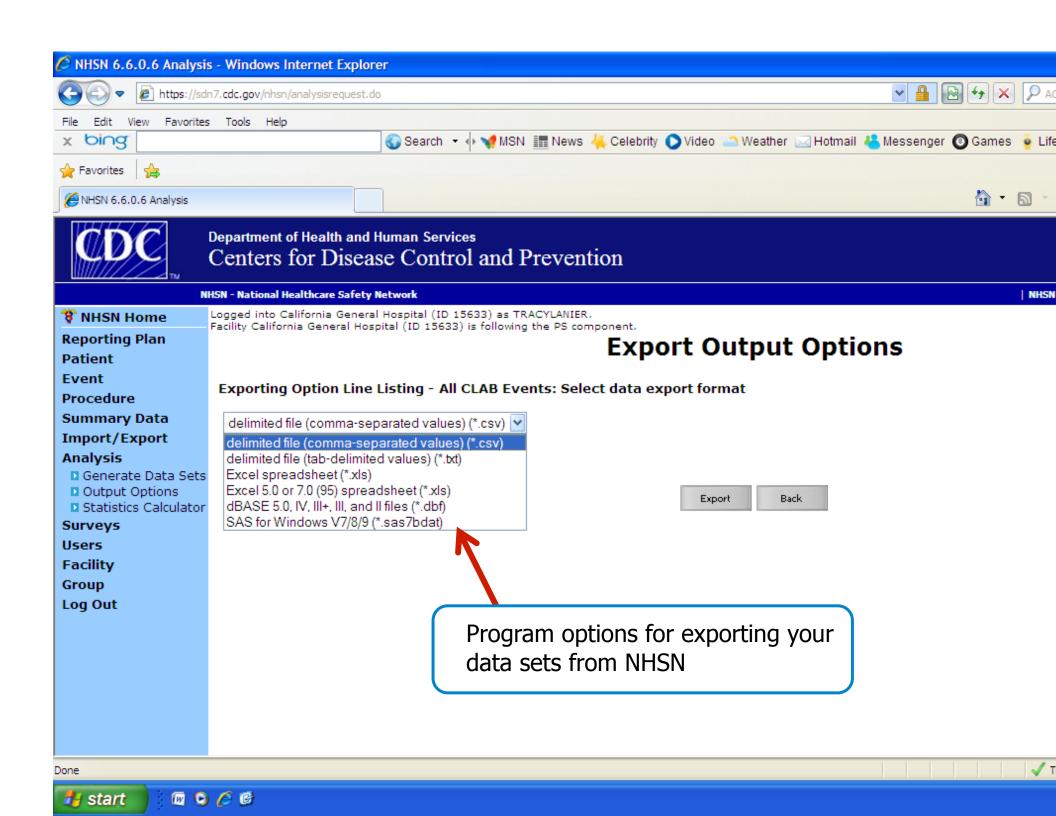


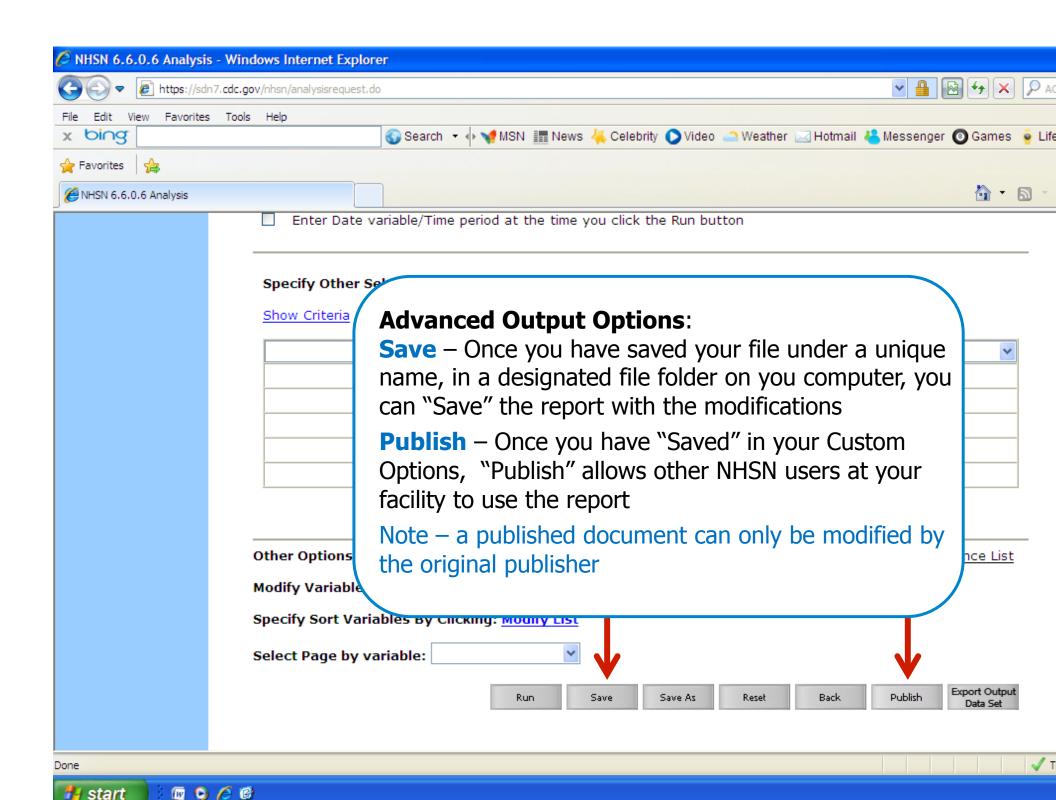












That's all there is to NHSN Analysis Basics!

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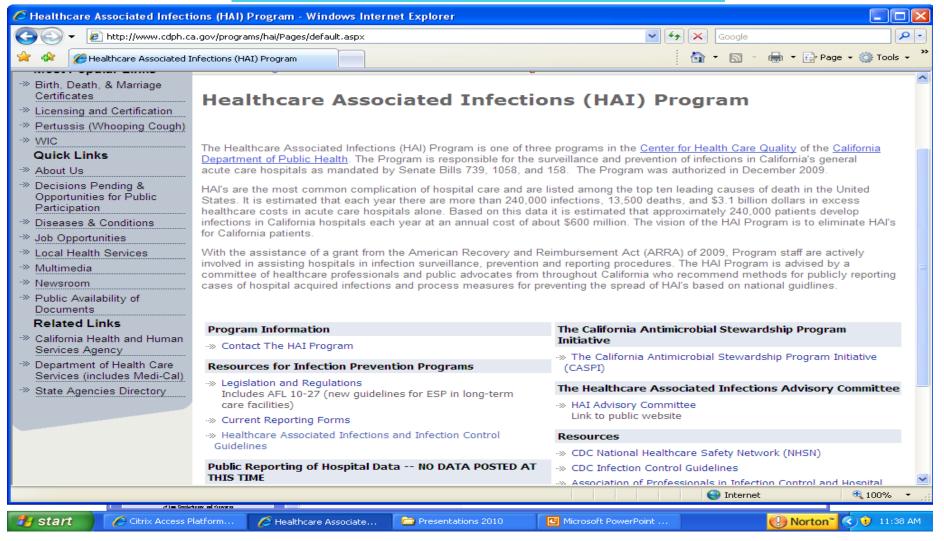
- Generate a new data set if you want to create output (ie. A report) and have entered new data
- PRACTICE! You are working with a copy of your data and won't harm the data you have entered into the NHSN database
- Print and use the NHSN Analysis Quick Tips as a reference





HAI Program Website

www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/HAI/



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